

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

JULIA HUBBARD, *ET AL.*,
PLAINTIFFS,

v.

TRAMMEL CROW, JR., *ET AL.*,
DEFENDANTS.

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CAUSE NO. 5:23-CV-00580-FB

**DEFENDANT CODY MITCHELL'S ORIGINAL ANSWER IN RESPONSE TO
PLAINTIFFS' FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT**

Defendant Cody Mitchell ("Defendant"), through the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, files this Original Answer in response to Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint.

GENERAL DENIAL

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(b) and for the express purpose of requiring Plaintiffs Julia Hubbard and Kayla Goedinghaus ("Plaintiffs") to meet their burden of proof in this suit, Defendant denies every allegation contained in Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, ECF No. 18, except those expressly admitted herein.

SPECIFIC ADMISSIONS AND DENIALS

A. Nature of the Case

1. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny that Rick Hubbard ran a sex trafficking venture ("Venture"), or that he ran such a Venture with those named in paragraph 1.

2. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 2. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 2 to the extent that they pertain to him.

3. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the

allegations in paragraph 3.

4. Defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 4 to the extent they pertain to him.

5. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 5. To the extent the allegation in this paragraph pertain to him, Defendant denies any and all allegations therein.

6. Defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 6 to the extent they pertain to him.

7. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 7.

8. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 8.

9. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 9.

10. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 10.

11. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 11.

12. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 12.

13. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 13.

14. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 14.

15. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 15.

16. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 16.

17. Defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 17 to the extent they pertain to him. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the remaining allegations in paragraph 17.

18. Defendant admits he is a Texas Ranger that specializes in human trafficking. Defendant denies all remaining allegations in paragraph 18.

19. Defendant admits he knew Rick Hubbard when they went to the same grade school together. Defendant denies the remaining allegations to the extent they pertain to him in paragraph 19.

20. Defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 20.

21. Defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 21.

22. Defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 22.

23. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 23.

24. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 24.

25. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 25.

26. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 26.

27. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 27.

28. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the

allegations in paragraph 28.

29. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 29.

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36. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 36.

37. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 37.

38. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 38.

39. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 39 or its sub-parts.

40. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the

allegations in this paragraph 40. Defendant denies the allegations to the text they pertain to him.

41. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 41.

42. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 42.

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50. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 50.

51. Defendant does not have sufficient information or knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 51.

B. Jurisdiction and Venue

52. Paragraph 52 sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of this paragraph are denied.

53. Paragraph 53 sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of this paragraph are denied.

54. Paragraph 54 sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of this paragraph are denied.

55. Paragraph 55 sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of this paragraph are denied.

56. Paragraph 56 sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of this paragraph are denied.

57. Paragraph 57 sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, Defendant admits he resides in this District.

58. Paragraph 58 sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of this paragraph are denied.

C. Parties

59. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to be able to admit or deny where this party resides.

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65. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to be able to admit or deny where this party resides or when he may have expired.

66. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to be able to admit or deny where this party resides.

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91. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to be able to admit or deny where these parties reside.

92. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to be able to admit or deny where this non-party resides.

93. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to be able to admit or deny where this entity resides.

94. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to be able to admit or deny the allegation in paragraph 94.

D. Statement of Facts

95. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to be able to admit or deny the allegation in paragraph 95.

96. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to be able to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 96.

97. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to be able to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 97.

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143. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to be able to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 143.

144. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to be able to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 144 and its sub-parts.

145. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to be able to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 145.

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152. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to be able to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 152.

153. Defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 153 to the extent they pertain to him.

154. Defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 154.

155. Defendant admits he knew Rick Hubbard when they attended grade school together. Defendant denies the remaining allegations in paragraph 155 to the extent they pertain to him.

156. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to be able to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 156.

157. Defendant admits he is a Texas Ranger with the Department of Public Safety and specializes in human trafficking. Defendant denies the remaining allegations in paragraph 157 to the extent they pertain to him.

158. Defendant admits one of the investigations he was involved in was the subject of a television production. Defendant denies the remaining allegations in paragraph 158 to the extent they pertain to him.

159. Defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 159 to the extent they pertain to him.

160. Defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 160 to the extent they pertain to him.

161. Defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 161 to the extent they pertain to him.

162. Defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 162 to the extent they pertain to him.

163. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to be able to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 163.

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229. Defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 229 to the extent they pertain to him.

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315. Paragraph 315 sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of this paragraph are denied.

316. Paragraph 316 sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of this paragraph are denied.

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383. Paragraph 383 sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of this paragraph are denied.

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412. Defendant is without sufficient information or knowledge to be able to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 412.

413. This paragraph sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of paragraph 413 are denied.

414. This paragraph and its sub-parts set forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of paragraph 414 are denied.

415. This paragraph sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of paragraph 415 are denied.

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421. This paragraph sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of paragraph 421 are denied.

E. Causes of Action

422. Defendant realleges and reincorporates its responses in Paragraphs 1–421 as if fully set forth herein.

423. This paragraph sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of paragraph 423 are denied.

424. This paragraph sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of paragraph 424 are denied.

425. This paragraph sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the

extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of paragraph 425 are denied.

426. Defendant realleges and reincorporates its responses in Paragraphs 1–425 as if fully set forth herein.

427. This paragraph sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of paragraph 427 are denied.

428. This paragraph sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of paragraph 428 are denied.

429. This paragraph sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of paragraph 429 are denied.

430. Defendant realleges and reincorporates its responses in Paragraphs 1–429 as if fully set forth herein.

431. This paragraph sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of paragraph 431 are denied.

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440. Defendant realleges and reincorporates its responses in Paragraphs 1–439 as if fully set forth herein.

441. This paragraph sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, the allegations of paragraph 441 are denied.

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F. Damages

Defendant denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to damages in the form of compensatory, punitive, or injunctive relief. Furthermore, Defendant denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to any of the relief

requested in their First Amended Complaint.

DEFENDANT'S OTHER ANSWERS AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

448. Defendant admits that the Department of Public Safety ("DPS") is a State of Texas agency.

449. Defendant admits that he was employed by DPS and acted in his official capacities at all times relevant to Plaintiffs' claims and are thus entitled to official immunity.

450. Defendant denies that he acted separately or in concert with others to engage in illegal conduct to injure Plaintiffs.

451. Defendant denies that he knowingly and affirmatively participating, directly or indirectly, in the alleged deprivation of any right, privilege, or immunity granted or secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States Plaintiffs allege they suffered.

452. Defendant asserts that some or all of Plaintiffs' claims may be barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

453. Defendant asserts that at all times relevant to the allegations against him, he acted in good faith and with a reasonable belief that his acts were in compliance with the laws and Constitution of the United States and claim entitlement to qualified immunity from suit. Defendant did not violate clearly established law of which a reasonable public official would have known.

454. Defendant asserts that actions taken relative to Plaintiffs, concerning any claim alleged in this lawsuit, were based on a good faith belief that such actions were taken in accordance with agency policy and applicable law.

455. Defendant asserts Eleventh Amendment immunity to all applicable claims.

456. Defendant asserts the defenses of res judicata, laches, estoppel, waiver, and lack of jurisdiction to Plaintiffs' claims in this lawsuit.

457. Plaintiffs' claims, including but not limited to its RICO claims, are barred by the four-

year statute of limitations.

458. Plaintiffs' damages, if any, were caused, in whole or part, by the acts or omissions of Plaintiffs and third parties over which Defendant has no control and for which is not legally responsible. Plaintiffs' recovery, if any, should be barred or proportionately reduced by Plaintiffs' and third parties' fault or degree of responsibility.

459. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or part, because the damages they seek are too speculative and remote due to the impossibility of the ascertainment and allocation of such alleged damages.

460. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, or, at a minimum, recovery should be reduced under the doctrines of avoidable consequences and/or the failure to mitigate. To the extent Plaintiffs may have suffered any damages, they were required to take reasonable and timely actions to limit their losses, which they failed to do.

461. Should any loss, injury, damages, or detriment occurred as alleged in the First Amended Complaint, Defendant is entitled to an offset or setoff for the amounts Plaintiffs recover from any other person for such loss, injury, damages, or detriment including, but not limited to, amounts recovered from any settling party related to this lawsuit.

462. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, because they failed to join indispensable parties to this litigation, improperly joined parties and/or named the wrong parties in the First Amended Complaint.

463. Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the doctrine of *in pari delicto* because, as alleged, Plaintiffs knowingly participated in the alleged conduct and received benefits therefrom.

464. Defendant asserts his right to raise additional defenses that become apparent throughout the factual development of the case.

465. Defendant denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to damages or any other relief demanded

in Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint.

466. Defendant prays for judgment as follows:

- a. Plaintiffs take nothing by reason of their First Amended Complaint;
- b. Judgment be entered in favor of Defendant on the First Amended Complaint;
- c. The Court award Defendant the cost incurred by him in this matter; and
- d. The Court award such other relief to Defendant as it may deem just and proper.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, **Alec Simpson**, Assistant Attorney General of Texas, certify that a correct copy of the foregoing **Defendant's Answer in Response to Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint** has been served via electronic filing on December 4, 2023, to all counsel of record.

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